His resurrection

"…raised again for our justification" (**Romans 4:25**)

What is the knowledge of the power of His resurrection? This we are permitted, now and then, to know a little of; but we cannot fully know it until we also are raised from the dead. But to know it now, in a small degree, is a blessing indeed. The [false] doctrine of a universal atonement has now become quite universal; the design of which is to please the hypocrites of the present day, who profess godliness, but deny the power thereof. But if it were not for the power of His resurrection, not a soul would be saved. But because He is risen, ye shall rise also. This is, then, the most important doctrine of His revealed Word.

Some tell us that Christ came to earth, merely to set us a pattern which we must imitate. He is indeed our pattern and glorious example of the church, and we may imitate Him; but if this is all, it will leave us to [perish]. He became flesh and dwelt among us; He endured many contradictions against Himself; He was tempted and resisted the devil. "Then," you say, "What must we bring to God as a ground of acceptance with Him? Must we not bring our obedience?" No. What is your best obedience? Your righteousness is filthy; and by doing so, you wish to make God filthy likewise [Isaiah 64:6]. Nothing less than a perfect obedience will do. And where will you find it? Not in yourself; it is in Christ, and in Him alone. [Beloved], the Lord Jesus was *"delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification"* (Rom 4:25). [God grant] that we may know the power of His resurrection; *"For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living"* (Rom 14:7-9). *"Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him"* (Rom 6:8-9). Therefore, says Paul to the Colossians, *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory"* (Col 3:1-4).

[Reader] I do not know whether I shall ever see you on this side of the grave; but may the God of peace be with you, and keep you in the bond of unity and love. And if it be His pleasure that I see you no more on earth, I hope to meet some of you in heaven on the right hand of God, to sing His praise for ever and ever. Amen. – **William Gadsby**

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"Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence" (**Psalm 91:3**)

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Bible Study	Wed, 7 PM

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Beloved, the shout of a king is among us! [Numbers 23:21] Our King, the Lord Jesus Christ, shouts from the cross *"it is finished"* (John 19:30) and in glory we hear Him proclaim His victory over sin, death, and the grave–*"It is done!"* (Revelation 21:6). *O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?* Beloved believing sinner, because of the *doing* and *dying* of His Son, God does not behold any iniquity or perverseness in you. Sons of Jacob; He loved you, and washed you from your sins in His own blood [Revelation 1:5, Malachi 3:6] Amen!

WELCOME

Welcome! We're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor that loves the perfect Gospel of Christ. Beloved, *He shall save His people from their sins* (**Matthew 1:21**). It is our prayer that the Lord will be pleased to *call*, *convict*, and *comfort* you with the gospel of His blood and righteousness (**Isaiah 40:1-2**). You can expect a gospel message that's about 45 minutes, hymns that glorify our Lord, scripture readings, and helpful people to answer any questions you may have.

CONNECTION CARD

We invite everyone to fill out a **Connection Card** (you'll find one in the pew). This is an easy way to keep us informed of what's going on in your life, as well as a place where you can ask questions and update your contact information.

If you are a first-time visitor, please fill one out. As a thank-you, we'd love to send you a copy of '**The religion that comes from God**'.

Do you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ? If you do, you are His purchased possession. We would love to meet you after the service to get to know you better.

WEBSITES

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, audio messages, and books.

sovereingrace.us - Our church website, bulletins, articles
bookshelf.sovereingrace.us - Free ebooks, tracts, booklets
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EVENT CALENDAR

Happy Birthday!
Betty Groover - April 17th
Shirley Shanks - April 21st

GRACE ARTICLES

BE OF GOOD CHEER...

"...behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee."

(**Matthew 9:2**)

[Reader], if you saw a criminal put into prison, and the prison doors closed behind him, and if you never saw him come out again, then you might well believe that he was still lying in prison, and still enduring the just sentence of the law; but if you saw the prison doors fly open, and the prisoner going free, if you saw him walking at large in the streets, then you would know at once that he had satisfied the justice of his country, that he had suffered all that was needful to suffer, that he had paid the uttermost farthing. So with the Lord Jesus; he was counted a criminal, the crimes of guilty sinners against God were all laid at his door, and he was condemned on account of them. He was hurried away to the death of the cross, and the gloomy prison-house of his rocky sepulcher, the stone was rolled to the mouth of the grave. If you never saw him come out, then you might well believe that he was still enduring the just sentence of the law. But, lo! *"he is risen, he is not here," "The Lord is risen indeed"* (Mark 16:6, Luke 23:34). God, who was his judge, hath raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places; so that you may be quite sure he has satisfied the justice of God. He has suffered everything that was needful for him to suffer, he has paid the uttermost farthing. Now is there any of you hearing me, who cleaves to the Lord Jesus? is this the Saviour whom you take to be your surety? [Hebrews 7:22] *"Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee"* (Matthew 9:2). – **ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE**